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1. (BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED) AT MOMENT FOLLOWING JOURNALISTS
FROM TURKEY PLAN TO COVER NATO SUMMIT IN WASHINGTON MAY
30-31 AND MIGHT BE AVAIALBAE FOR USICA-DOD-NATIS TOUR
FOLLOWING SUMMIT (REF A). TIMING OF TURKISH PRIMIN ECEVIT'S
SPEECH AT UN. (REF D, PARAS 1, 2) MAY AFFECT JOURNALISTS'
ABILITY TO JOIN TOUR.

A. AHMET SARPER, CONTRIBUTOR, "TERCUMAN" (447,000-CONSERVATIVE)
(REF B);
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B. ZERIN ALNAR, ASSISTANT FOREIGN NEWS EDITOR, "MILLIYET"
(294,000 - LIBERAL) (REFS C);

C. METIN TOKER, COLUMNIST, AND CUNEYT ARCAYUREK, POLITICAL/
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT, "HURRIYET" (544,000-MASS
APPEAL/INDEPENDENT);

D. ERTUGRUL AKBAY, PHOTOGRAPHER/FEATURE REPORTER,
"GUNAYDIN" (518,000 -SENSATIONAL);

2. KOSTA DAPONTE, PARIS-BASED FREELANCE JOURNALIST, PROBABLY
WILL REPRESENT "CUMHURIYET (101,000-LEFTIST). MEHMET
ALI BIRAND, BRUSSELS CORRESPONDENT FOR "MILLIYET," MAY
GO TO WASHINGTON ON HIS OWN. AMONG LOCAL WIRE SERVICES,
ANATOLIAN AGENCY (SEMI-OFFICIAL) PLANS TO SEND CORRESPON-
DENT, AS YET UNNAMED; OTHERS PROBABLY WILL OBTAIN MATERIAL
THROUGH EXCHANGE ARRANGEMENTS WITH LARGER, FOREIGN WIRE
SERVICES.

3. TURKISH RADIO-TELEVISION (TRT) PLANS SEND ONE, POSSIBLY
TWO CORRESPONDENTS, BUT IS AWAITING INFORMATION REQUESTED
REF D, APAR 4 BEFORE DECIDING. (REF E, JUST RECEIVED,
CONTAINS MUCH OF THE REQUESTED INFO. REQUEST SPECIFIC
REPLY ASAP ON AVAILABILITY OF FILM/SOUND CREW AND
"MINICAM" VIDEO CAMERA/RECORDER, AND FACILITIES IN NEW YORK
(UN). END UNCLASSIFIED

4. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: AMONG JOURNALISTS NAMED
ABOVE, ARCA YUREK, ABOUT 50, IS AN INTELLIGENT, RESPONSIBLE
REPORTER AND COMMENTATOR, WHO HAS TRAVELED WIDELY, BUT HE
HAS NEVER VISITED US. HIS ENGLISH IS ADEQUATE.
BIRAND, ABOUT 35, IS SPECIALIST IN NATO AFFAIRS WHO IS
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FAMILIAR WITH WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK BUT NOT ELSEWHERE
IN US. HIS ENGLISH IS FLUENT.

5. WE THEREFORE NOMINATE ARCA YUREK AND BIRAND (IF HE
ATTENDS SUMMIT). ADVISE IF FULLER BIODATA IS DESIRED.
ADVISE IF WE MAY EXTEND INVITATIONS(S).

6. WE ALSO DEFINITELY WANT TRT CORRESPONDENT TO PARTICIPATE
IN TOUR AND WILL FORWARD NOMINATION AS SOON AS TRT'S
PLANS BECOME FIRM. COULD MILITARY PROVIDE STILL FILM
PHOTO COVERAGE AS APPROPRIATE FOR TRT USE?

7. WE RECOMMEND NATIS PROVIDE PER DIEM FOR TURKISH
JOURNALISTS WHO PARTICIPATE.
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